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MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Grayson, Chief
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SUBJECT: Referral of Synkote Paint Co.
To Planning and Assessment
DHWM #02-11-04

DATE: January 6, 1989

The Synkote Paint Co. formerly operated at 144-160 Van Riper Ave., Elmwood Park (Bergen County). In 1985 the facility was closed, and approximately 250 containers of hazardous and unknown wastes were left on-site. It was subsequently determined that the facility was subject to ECRA cleanup, however, the owner did not file and later declared bankruptcy. The property was then sold at a Sheriff's sale, without the knowledge of NJDEP.

ECRA has referred the matter of Synkote to the Attorney General's Office. However, the hazardous and unknown containers which remain at the site are in poor condition, and some are leaking. Soils have been impacted and groundwater may be contaminated. Conditions at the site also represent a threat to human health as private residences are located nearby. In light of the above factors it is recommended that Synkote be referred to Planning and Assessment for assignment to the proper Division element.

If additional information is required please contact Dave Oster at (201) 669-3981.

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